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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACE-KEEPING
OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS

QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACKS ON UNITED NATIONS
AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL AND MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT
THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ATTACKS ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

Letter dated 23 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a note from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, regarding the treacherous and brutal killing of Indian peace-keepers in Somalia.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 80 and 144 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Note dated 23 August 1994 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to communicate the following:

The treacherous and brutal murder of seven Indian peace-keepers in Somalia was met with pain and indignation in Ukraine.

One more time United Nations peace-keepers faithfully and truly serving the international community, fulfilling dangerous humanitarian missions in different regions of the world and giving assistance in re-establishing democratic political institutions in various countries have become the object of a terrorist attack inspired by irresponsible political leaders and criminal elements.

As in many other similar cases in the past the identity of the conspirators and of the direct executors of the crime has not been determined.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations deplores this appalling crime against United Nations peace-keeping forces and expresses its deep condolences to the families and relatives of the perished peace-keepers and to the friendly Government and people of India.

In the light of the continuing attacks against United Nations peace-keeping forces and personnel associated with them, which in 1993-1994 alone resulted in nearly 280 peace-keepers killed, Ukraine urges the States Members of the United Nations to show their will and determination to stop flagrant violations of international law and without delay to finish the elaboration of the international convention dealing with the safety and security of United Nations and associated personnel.

The convention will become an effective instrument of protection of peace-keepers from many countries who perform their high mission of maintenance of international peace and security, as well as a reliable guarantee for the prosecution of those responsible for the attacks against them.
